

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS07.101

APPLICANT: Columbia Power & Water Systems
attn: Mr. James O. Clark, General Manager
P. O. Box 379
Columbia, Tennessee 38402

LOCATION: Duck River mile 134.05, in Columbia, Maury County N 35.62797°
W 87.01983° USGS Godwin (TN) Quadrangle

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: HUC 06040003, The Duck River is assessed as High Quality Tier 2 from Duck River embayment to Bear Creek, Humphreys and Maury Counties. The stream segment that would be affected is **ID TN06040003026_1000** TN Duck River and is listed as fully supporting.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposal involves the re-issuance of the permit that would re-authorize the ongoing withdrawal of water for domestic water supply. The present permit authorizes the withdrawal water from the river at a maximum rate of 31 cubic feet per second. The permit requires the maintenance of at least 100 cubic feet per second flow in the Duck River.

In accordance with the Tennessee Anti-degradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity may result in degradation to water quality.

This notice may be viewed on the internet at:

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap>.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Robert Baker

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying.

The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex

401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

